SENATE BILL 531 By Gresham

## **HOUSE BILL 306**

## By McDaniel

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 11, Part 3, relative to appearance bonds in criminal cases.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-316, is amended by adding the following new subsection (c):

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a), if a professional bondsman, or agent of an insurance company, is making a criminal appearance bond for a defendant who is not a resident of Tennessee, the bondsman or agent may assess up to fifteen percent (15%) of the amount of the face value of the bond for premium fee and related charges but only one (1) time during the first twelve (12) months of the bond.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.